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1. COUNTRY TEAM CONSENSUS VIEW AT THIS TIME IS THAT THE PUBLISHED DOCUMENT WRITTEN BY COLONEL AYOROA, AND THE EXILE OF BOTH AYOROA AND HIS COUSIN, COL. PATINO, WILL CAUSE A MORE HEATED AND WIDESPREAD DISCUSSION WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES OVER DESIRABILITY OF SUPPORTING CURRENT POWER STRUCTURE, BUT THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WILL NOT PRODUCE A SERIOUS THREAT TO THE GOB IN THE NEXT SEVERAL WEEKS AT LEAST. THE POTENTIAL REBELS ARE TOO DISORGANIZED, PENETRATED (BY THE GOB), AND LACKING IN COMMUNICATIONS, TO MOUNT A SUCCESSFUL COUP AGAINST THE GOB AT THIS TIME.

2. UNLESS THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE ECONOMIC MEASURES PRODUCES A PUBLIC REACTION FAR BEYOND OUR PRESENT EXPECTATIONS, WE EXPECT THAT PRESIDENT BANZER WILL CONTINUE IN OFFICE FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. IF PUBLIC REACTION IS EXCEPTIONALLY STRONG, THERE IS SOME CHANCE THAT IT WOULD ACT AS A CATALYST WITHIN THE ARMED FORCES LEADING TO A POSSIBLY SUCCESSFUL COUP ATTEMPT, BUT THIS IS ONLY A FAIRLY REMOTE POSSIBILITY.

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